

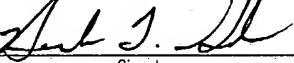
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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-013607 (DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG CO LTD), published January 14, 2000; and
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2002-175534 (SUMITOMO ELECTRIC IND LTD), published June 21, 2002.

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